Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 6, 2012

In attendance: Committee Chair Dan Locke; Phil Harris for the Department of Solid Waste Management; Committee Members; Rolan Clark, Dave Haller, Karin Tome, Rich Terselic, Shelley Aloi, Bryan Malseed, Dawn Adams, Peter Blood

The minutes of the April meeting were approved without change. Shelley abstained from voting since she wasn't present at that meeting.

A discussion of Keep America Beautiful (KAB) was on the agenda but Harvey Alter-who was to lead the discussion-was not present. The discussion was moved to the next meeting. Dan reviewed the SWAC-KAB history. A memo was sent by Dan to the President, Board of Commissioners (BOCC) suggesting that BOCC take responsibility for appointing a KAB Board. No answer has been received. The Committee agreed that Dan would call Commissioner Delauter (the BOCC SWAC liaison) to try to determine the status. Shelley asked that Dan email her a copy of the email sent to the BOCC President.

Peter briefly described the status of the 2012 litter survey. No comments were received on the draft study report from SWAC members. Peter was complimented for his work and the quality of the report. Dave commented that he was pleased that the County was found to be so litter free.

Department Update

- *The BOCC has approved the pilot project involving the municipalities and some of the latter have expressed interest in participating.
- * 19 tons of waste was collected at the May Hazardous Waste Day.
- * On-site landfill disposal at the land fill met the target budgeted amounts for the fiscal year in May.
- * Recyclables are being processed at a facility in Prince George (PG) County.
- * Prices for most recyclables continue to be lower than the level needed to break even on the processing, transportation and collection costs the County pays.

Rich reported that he will leave SWAC in September because of being term limited and that a means will have to be identified for drafting minutes. Joyce Grossnickle will be providing resumes of candidates who have responded to newspaper ads listing Committee vacancies. Peter asked when his own term would expire.

After discussion, it was decided to move the SWAC annual meeting from

September to October.

Rich asked how operations at the new transfer station were going.
Phil replied that things had gone well but some adjustments have been made.
Every effort is made to avoid long backups of off-loading trash trucks.
Recyclables are consolidated from the local pick up trucks to larger vehicles for transportation to the materials recovery facility.

Dan asked whether a recyclables contamination study had been done recently. Phil replied that such a study would be done at the materials recovery facility in PG County and it requires shutting done the facility for day. No date has been set.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 1 but the Chair will poll the Committee regarding their availability. If a quorum is not likely, the meeting will be cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.